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1. TAN DAI VIET PARTY LEADER, NGUYEN NGOC HUY, TOLD EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 6 THAT HE WAS UNAWARE WHAT TRUONG DINH DZU, RUNNER-UP IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RACE, WAS PLANNING TO DO AT SEPTEMBER 7 NEWS CONFERENCE. ACCORDING HUY, TAN DAI VIETS SUPPORTED DZU IN THE ELECTION AND PROBABLY COMPRISED THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF DZU'S CAMPAIGN MACHINERY.

2. HUY TERMED ELECTIONS "COMPLETE FRAUD", AND BECAUSE OF THIS, TAN DAI VIETS HAVE ENTERED VERY FEW CANDIDATES IN LOWER HOUSE RACE. DZU AND TAN DAI VIETS, HUY SAID, PLAN TO BECOME PART OF LEGAL AND EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION TO NEW GOVERNMENT.

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NEVERTHELESS, DZU AND TAN DAI VIETS MIGHT AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW GOVERNMENT "IF IT ACCEPTED DZU'S PROGRAM." HUY IMPLIED

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THAT SINCE DZU'S ELECTION PLATFORM WAS THE ONLY CLEAR, DETAILED AND COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF ALL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, THERE WOULD BE NO OTHER COMPETING PROGRAM TO ACCEPT.

3. HUY FELT THAT DZU'S GOOD SHOWING WAS ATTRIBUTABLE IN LARGE PART TO HIS "PEACE" PLATFORM. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE OTHER CANDIDATES HAD ALSO TOUCHED ON THE SUBJECT, HUY SAID THAT IT WAS DZU'S MAJOR PLANK AND CHARACTERIZED HIS ENTIRE CAMPAIGN, ESPECIALLY SINCE HE UTILIZED A PEACE SYMBOL, THE WHITE DOVE EMBLEM OF HIS TICKET. HUY STATED THAT THE OTHER CIVILIAN CANDIDATES (AND SINGLED OUT HUONG) AND THEIR SUPPORTERS DID NOT HAVE THE LEAST IDEA OF HOW THE CYCLE DRIVERS, WORKERS AND FARMERS THOUGHT AND THEREFORE WERE NOT AWARE OF HOW STRONGLY THE POPULATION AT LARGE DESIRED A RETURN TO PEACE. THE OTHER CANDIDATES HAD OFFERED THE VOTERS NOTHING OF ANY CONSEQUENCE.

4. HUY APPEARED TO BE SOMEWHAT ELATED, DESPITE HIS ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD, OVER THE EFFECTIVENESS OF TAN DAI VIET PARTY ORGANIZATION WHICH HE CLAIMS BROUGHT ABOUT THE SIZABLE VOTE FOR DZU. HE ATTRIBUTED APPARENT FAILURE OF ANY OF THE THREE TAN DAI VIET

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SENATE LISTS (#14, 15 AND 16) TO RIGGING OF THE ELECTION BY MILITARY. HUY BELIEVES THAT HIS PARTY ORGANIZATION HAS PROVED ITSELF AND, GIVEN RELATIVE FREEDOM OF OPERATION, HIS PARTY CAN BECOME STRONGEST IN VIET NAM.

5. COMMENT: (A) HUY APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN IN ON THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING OF THE DZU CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION AND PLATFORM-WRITING BUT, AS EVIDENCED BY HIS STATED IGNORANCE OF DZU'S ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 7, HE MAY NOT BE CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH DZU'S PRESENT ACTIVITIES.

(B) HUY EXHIBITED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FLEXIBILITY, DESPITE HIS FIRM STAND ON THE CHARGES OF FRAUD, REGARDING FUTURE RELATIONS WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

(C) THE FAILURE OF THE TAN DAI VIET SENATE SLATES TO MAKE A RESPECTABLE SHOWING SUGGESTS THAT HUY IS EXAGGERATING THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS PARTY'S ROLE IN DZU'S CAMPAIGN.

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